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what's happening at the bridge

Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to
help people

Connect with God's people in your life
Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life

Ways to Connect with God's *mission* at the bridge

- Fri. Feb. 14** - 10:00 - 2:30 - **Blood Drive**
- Fri. Feb. 14** - 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Parent's Night Out
- Wed. Feb. 19** - 1:00 pm - SoulCollage
- Thu. Feb. 20** - 1:00 pm - Chrismon Meeting
- Sat. Feb. 22** - 10:00 am - Pinewood Derby - FBC Leland
- Fri. Feb. 28** - 10:00 am - Book Club Small Group

Weekly Ministry Team Meetings

- Tue. Feb 18** - 3:30 - Children and Family Team

Weekly Small Groups

- Mon.** - 6:00 pm - Boy Scouts and SOS (Siblings of Scouts)
- Tue.** - 10:00 am - Sleep Mats for Homeless
- Tue.** - 7:00 pm - Bridge to Serenity (Al-Anon Group) Meeting
- Tue.** - 7:00 pm - New Attitudes (A.A. Group) Meeting
- Wed.** - 8:00 am - Men's Prayer and Share Small Group
- Sat.** - 7:00 pm - New Attitudes (A.A. Group) Meeting
- Sun.** - 7:30 pm - There is a Solution (A.A. Group) Meeting

The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at **the bridge**? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -
Give generously - Cherish children -
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

Worship Weekly

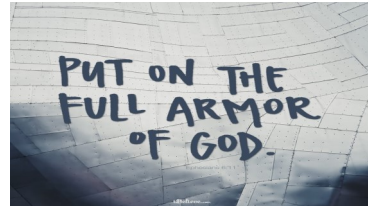
Date: February 16, 2020

Title: A Well-Disciplined Battle

Text: Ephesians 6: 10 -20

Questions:

- What things in life come easily? What goals or achievements in life are gained without discipline?
- How does the Apostle Paul describe the Christian faith in Ephesians 6? What words might you use? What surprises you about this description of the faith?
- Like the Apostle Paul, contemporary Christians talk about fighting a battle against evil. Where do you think that evil we should fight against, resides?



bridge "Notes" from Patty

One of my goals for 2020 is to spend more “alone time” with God. I happen to have a lot of alone time but I’m tempted to fill it with binge watching something on Netflix or reading the latest suspense thriller. I haven’t given up these two habits but I’ve discovered that I really, really enjoy my alone time with God. I love this video combining music, nature, and time with God. This inspired me and I hope it will do the same for you. Have a wonderful week! Patty

<https://youtu.be/Wk2LWZ9PHPY>

Pray Daily



- Pete Caillaud - back Surgery
- Diane Jobson - knee Surgery
- Ann Batten - health issues recovering at home



New Sermon Series: The Gospel of Mark: Unanticipated Good News

Author N. T. Wright wrote: “News is an announcement that something significant has happened. And good news is what Jesus and his first followers were all about.”

Just what is this good news that Mark proclaimed to the earliest, and often persecuted, Christian communities? Mark wrote his gospel to struggling believers who were asking themselves: Why doesn't God just come down from heaven and make things better? Why are there not more miracles? Why did Jesus teach using such confusing parables? Where's the promised regime change? Is this really good news?

Mark's answer was that the risen Jesus works in the world in unanticipated, surprising, sometimes hidden ways. And the path to discovering these unanticipated, surprising ways of Jesus is by putting one's total trust in this miracle working, parable teaching Messiah. This Lenten season we will look at the unanticipated good news of Jesus in the gospel of Mark

Sign up for the sermon-based small groups begins this Sunday on the signup table.

Available Sermon Based Small Groups - Beginning March 1st

Sun. -11:45 am - Warnock Room at the bridge - Facilitators - Jerry and Teresa Pierce

Mon. - 1:00 pm - Room A at the bridge - Facilitator - Cathy Purves

Tue. - 4:00 pm - Room A at the bridge - Facilitators - Tom and Greer Broadwater

Tue. - 6:30 pm - at 242 Windchime Way (Mag. Greens) - Facilitator - Barbara Hedin

Wed.- 7:00 pm - at 1004 Rosea Ct. (Mag. Greens) Co-Facilitators Ruth Hepner/Fran Rumpf

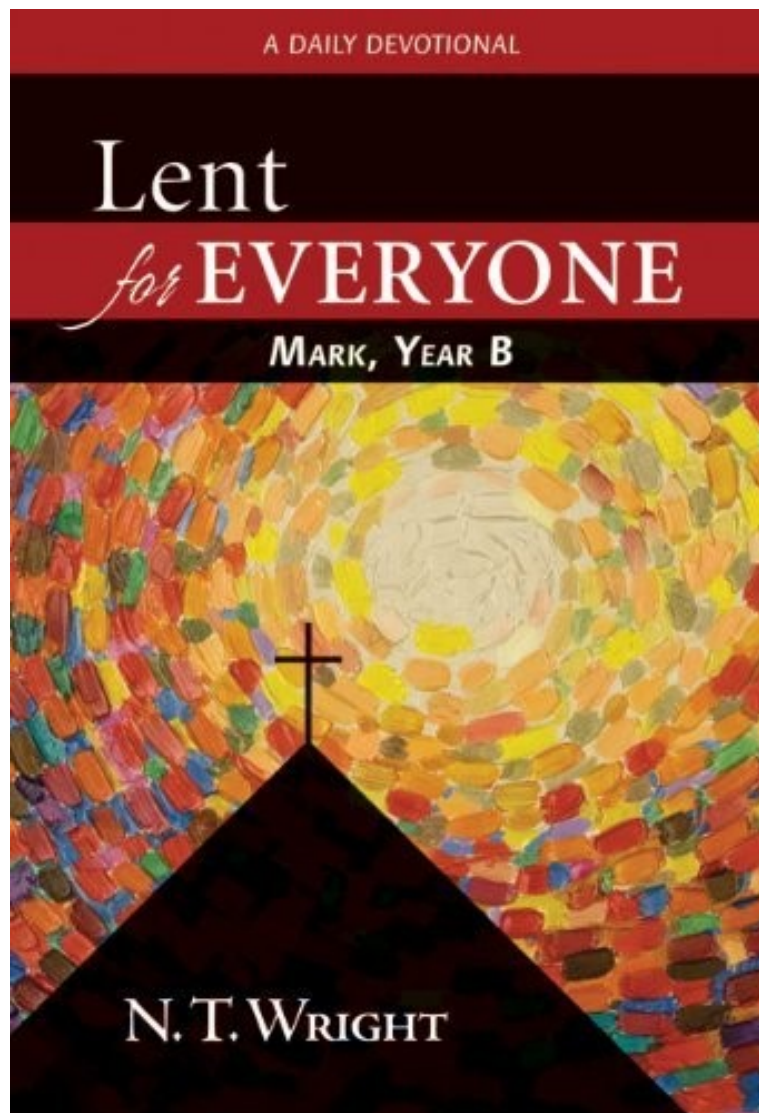
Thu. 10:00 am - Room A at the bridge - Facilitator - Dr. Bob Knerr

Thu. - 6:30 pm - 2179 Talmage Dr. (Br. Forest) - Co-Facilitator - Wanda Batten/Charlie Riddle

Lent Devotion

Dr. Doug is inviting everyone to purchase Mark for Lent by NT Wright - a daily devotional guide for Lent. The hope is that the entire bridge Presbyterian Church family will use this devotional to guide us through Lent.

The culmination of the sermon series will be a presentation of The Gospel of Mark, a one-man drama by acclaimed local actor Ashley Strand on Friday April 17th in worship center.



Welcome and Include Everyone

Servers for Sunday, Feb. 16th



Ushers

9:00 am - Bob Dixon, Bob Knerr, Harry and Ethel Adams

10:30 am – Phil and Arleen Godshall, Jerry and Teresa Pierce



Greeters

9:00 am - Ethel Adams and Sandy Kotch, Dave and Jan Steffenauer

10:30 am - Arlene Godshall, Charlynnne Caillaud



Connecting Partners

9:00 am - Judy Bath

10:30 am - Judy Bath, Dixie Bennett

Give Generously

Last Sunday, Feb 9, 2020

Attendance	136 (4-week average)
Offering	\$ 5,407 (4-week average)
Offering	\$ 5,030 (8-week average)
Actual Attendance	127
Actual Offering	\$ 3,655



Raising the bridge Awareness



As our congregation grows we are finding that more and more people are suffering with allergies, COPD, and other pulmonary diseases. In order to protect their health, we have created SCENT FREE ZONES at the bridge that will create a safe place for them to worship without the threat of encountering scents that might trigger a reaction. The first Scent Free Zone will be the elevator. When exiting the elevator, an entrance to the Scent Free Area in the Worship Center is thru the Office door. Once in the Worship Center, the seats on each side of the office entrance door are designated for use by only those who have no perfumes, colognes, or scented sprays. We hope that this small step will create a welcoming and safe space for everyone.

Serve Our Community



The American Red Cross is our featured Sustainable Mission Partner for February. James Jarvis, the Executive Director of the Cape Fear Area Chapter, will be speaking at our Worship Service on February 9. Please join us in welcoming him and learning how we can support this very important assistance organization.



Volunteers Needed: If you have an hour to spare on Friday, February 14th, please consider volunteering to assist with the semi-annual blood drive sponsored by the bridge and Town of Leland at Leland Town Hall. Volunteers help with greeting donors, signing in donors and distributing snacks. A sign up sheet is in the lobby.



Also, please spread the word about the blood drive to potential donors. To date, we have 11 people who have pre-registered for the 40 slots that the Red Cross has asked us to fill.



Fast Food Cards Needed for Clients of Streetreach

Brunswick County Streetreach is a 100% Volunteer Faith-Based Organization that provides assistance to the homeless in Brunswick County. Donna and Garry Phelps organize emergency food, clothing, shelter, resource assistance and fellowship to these individuals to meet their tangible needs, and create opportunities for empowerment. Many homeless seniors, veterans and families were displaced by storms and are still unable to find affordable housing. Currently, about 24 individuals per week are being housed at a motel on Oak Island during Streetreach's Winter Nights Program. Area Churches are assisting with meals and transportation, but fast food cards for \$5 and \$10 are needed when these individuals go to jobs.

If you feel called to help this Sustainable Mission Partner of the bridge, please put your donations in the glass jar which will be provided on Sundays through February.

Thank you for your generosity,
Your Mission Team



Disaster Recovery News

Save The Date: This is a reminder about the Brunswick County Hurricane EXPO on Saturday, April 25th, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at St. Brendan's Catholic Church on Rt. 17 in Shallotte. Volunteers from ***the bridge*** are going to be needed for greeters, parking attendants, and the un-met needs registration table. Look for a sign up sheet on one of the clip boards.

Raleigh Home Rebuild Update: Brandon Raleigh's house is about 85% complete. As he has expended the funds from his insurance settlement and ***the bridge*** has used nearly all of the disaster assistance account funds which were allocated for his project, his Endeavors case manager has enlisted an UMCOR construction team (United Methodist Committee On Relief) to complete the work. "Thank you." to all of the covenant partners who worked on the mucking and gutting of the home and helped get this project started. There is light at the end of the tunnel. There are still 11 Brunswick County families on the UMCOR rebuild waiting list.



Belong to a Small Group

Our new Sermon Based Small Groups (SBSG) will begin the week of March 1st. The Series **The Gospel of Mark : Unexpected Good News** will run for 7 weeks; through the week of April 12th.

There will be a meeting for "training and information" for facilitators at 1:00 pm on Tuesday Feb 11th in Room A.

These are the current SBSG scheduled and sign up sheets will be on the table in the hall beginning Sunday Feb 9th.

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Calling All Chrismon Crafters...



Did you admire our beautiful tree during the month of December? Do you want to know how to make the beaded ornaments, and help add to the beauty next year? No experience required! We will be meeting monthly, and our first meeting will be February 20th(3rd Thursday of the month)! We will meet from 1:00pm-4:00pm, in room 206. Please sign-up on the table outside the sanctuary, or email Lydia Stevens emteacher1@hotmail.com! Ask anyone who participated last year, this was such a fun time together!

Cherish Children

bridge Builders, our Sunday morning children's program, is located in suite 206 during the 10:30 service. A nursery for infants and toddlers is also provided during the 10:30 service

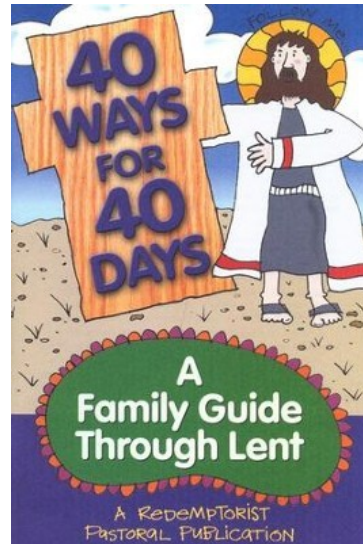
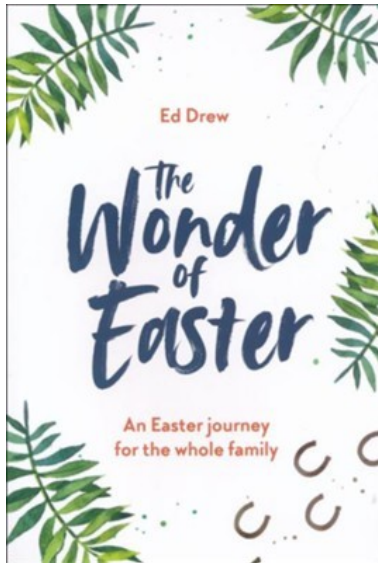
Sunday Feb. 16th:



Teacher: Judy Hogg

Toddlers/Babies: Jan Steffenauer

Lent Devotional Ideas for Families



The bridge's Cub Scout Pack will hold its annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, February 22, 2020 in the activity center of the First Baptist Church of Leland beginning at 10:00 a.m. We would like to support Pack 118 by hosting a small concession stand to help the pack raise money for summer camp scholarships. Donations of bottles of 8 oz. waters, individually wrapped chips, snack crackers and cookies, or time to work the concession stand are appreciated. A sign up sheet to help out at the concession stand is on the table in the lobby. Snack donations can be left in room 206. Please see Patti Pirher or Elizabeth Murray for more information.

Parents Night Out

Wanting to make special dinner reservations? Planning a quiet evening in? Hoping for some time to just relax and re-energize? Praying someone will volunteer to watch the kids on Valentine's Day?

The bridge Presbyterian Church has got you covered with no cover charge! Drop the kiddos off for a fun-filled evening of crafts, games, pizza and a movie!
(PJ's, blankies, and stuffed animals welcomed)

Friday, February 14 from 5:30 - 8:30
The bridge Presbyterian Church, Room 206
Registration: thebridgepres@gmail.com , or efmurray1975@gmail.com

Contact Elizabeth Murray for more information
at (910)471-4999 or efmurray1975@gmail.com



Misc. Announcements

Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge

February



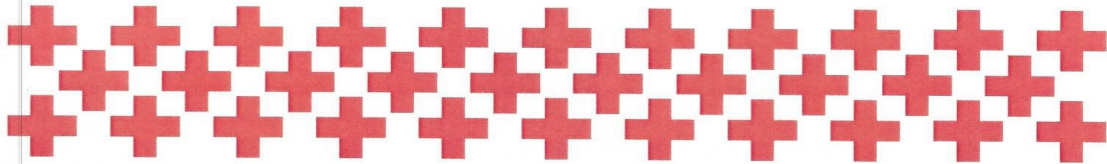
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American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Leland Community Blood Drive
**Sponsored by The Bridge Presbyterian Church
& the Leland Community**

Held at Leland Town Hall
In the Cape Fear Training Room
102 Town Hall Drive

Friday, February 14, 2020
10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor keyword: Leland to make an appointment or contact Clyde Queen.

All donors must have a picture ID and please come well hydrated.

Visit www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass on the day of the drive to answer the online health history questions to decrease wait time.

We need all eligible donors!

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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KIWANIS CLUB OF NORTH BRUNSWICK

"...Improving the world, one child and one community at a time."

Pancake Breakfast



**Includes: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon;
Juice, Milk, Coffee or Tea**
(Coffee donated by Port City Java, Waterford Plaza)

When: Saturday, Feb 15th – 7:30 – 11:00 am

Where: Blossoms Restaurant at Magnolia Greens

Ticket Sales: Adults \$10; Children \$7

Children under 3 – Free

Tickets are available from Kiwanis Members or at the door. For more information contact Judy Bath at: jannbath@hotmail.com

*Proceeds benefit children and their families in
Brunswick County*



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Dr. Doug Invites You to Get Involved in The North Carolina Rice Festival

Friends, I currently serve on the board of directors of the NC Rice Festival. Along with covenant partner, Arlene Holmes and other Leland-area citizens, we are trying to create an annual festival in northern Brunswick Co. I would like to invite you to join us at our first-ever gala on Friday, March 6th at the Leland Cultural Arts Center. You can purchase tickets to the gala for \$100 per person or become a part of the Patron Circle. Please see me if you are interested. Below find some additional info about the Rice Festival.

Many residents of this community are unaware of the significance of rice production in the history of the coastal counties of southeastern North Carolina and the connection between this area and the Rice Coast of Africa, especially Sierra Leone. For example, many are unaware that in 1860, Brunswick County produced 6.7 million pounds of rice or about 90 percent of the state's total rice production. Additionally, Brunswick County form the most northern section of the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, a federally recognized cultural grouping. The NC Rice Festival Board along with the Leland Tourism Development Authority have come together to tell the story of the rice growing culture of this region.

The inaugural event of the new North Carolina Rice Festival will be held on March 6, 2020 with a VIP Reception & Dinner Gala. An expansive, education-filled, family-friendly portion of the Rice Festival is scheduled for March 2021. Several other educational events are scheduled between the March 2020 Dinner Gala and the March 2021 Festival.

The North Carolina Rice Festival has two main objectives: 1) to educate Festival attendees about the rich history of rice production in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender Counties; and 2) to create a family-friendly and fun destination event in northern Brunswick County. As a Patron Circle Member, you will play a vital role in the achievement of these objectives.

The cost of a Patron Circle Membership for the 2020 VIP Gala is \$500 and comes with the following benefits:

- ☐ 2 Tickets to the pre-Gala VIP Reception featuring;
- ☐ 2 Tickets to the seated Gala dinner prepared by 2 celebrity chefs;
- ☐ Recognition in the Gala Program;
- ☐ Video and podium recognition at the Gala dinner;
- ☐ Recognition as a Founding Member of Patron's Circle of the North Carolina Rice Festival; and first choice for sponsorship of the 2021 NC Rice Festival.



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Become a Patron Circle Member or buy tickets now!

Annual Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Dinner Gala

— BENEFITING THE 2021 NC RICE FESTIVAL —



FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Seated dinner with guest chef Keith Rhodes
VIP Reception • Gullah/Geechee performers



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Dr. Doug Invites You to Sunday Gospel Brunch

Friends, I serve on the board of directors of Cedar Hill/West Bank Heritage Foundation. One of the primary projects of the CH/WBHF is the restoration of Reaves Chapel in Navassa. The historic Reaves Chapel A.M.E. Church is one of the Cape Fear regions' most culturally and historically significant African American structures and is one of the oldest African American buildings in southeastern North Carolina. It was built shortly after the Civil War on the bluffs of the Cape Fear River by enslaved people of the Cedar Hill Plantation. In 1911 it was moved inland by the congregation, using logs and a team of oxen to its current location, a parcel then owned by Edward Reaves, a formerly enslaved man for whom the Chapel was named.

On Sunday March 8, 2020 there will be gospel brunch fundraiser with proceeds going toward the renovation of the Reaves Chapel. The brunch will include live entertainment and brunch catered by celebrity chef, Keith Rhodes. This is a perfect post-worship lunch for folks at the bridge. Please join me for a great meal for a great cause. Doors open at 1:00pm. Tickets are available through Dr. Doug.



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CEDAR HILL/WESTBANK HERITAGE FOUNDATION PRESENTS A GOSPEL BRUNCH

Sunday

MARCH 8, 2020

DOORS OPEN AT 1:00PM

JOIN US FOR LIVE GOSPEL
ENTERTAINMENT AND BRUNCH
CATERED BY CELEBRITY CHEF KEITH
RHODES. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
REEVES CHAPEL RESTORATION
PROJECT. EVENT PRICE \$50.00

Tickets Available at The Following Locations:

Tommy's Mini Mart 3280 Mt. Misery Road Leland, NC 28401 (910) 383-1252

Phoenix Mart 2507 Cedar Hill Road Leland, NC 28401 (910) 399-5708

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